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RE: **Veteran's Name: KUCINSKI, Louis Arthur**
SSN/SN:
Request Number: 2-22560918101

Dear Recipient:

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center. We are providing the releasable military service information based on restrictions imposed by the military services consistent with Department of Defense regulations and the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The releasable information requested, if present in the record, has been transcribed, photocopied, or a combination of both, in order to comply with your request.

This record contains sensitive personal information which, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy to the veteran, the veteran's family, or third party mentioned in the record. We have redacted and/or withheld that information in accordance with the personal privacy exemption of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6).

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- Death certificate
- Newspaper article (obituary) or death notice
- Coroner's report of death
- Funeral director's signed statement of death
- Verdict of coroner's jury
- If death occurred outside the United States, any document similar to one of the preceding five, or a report of death signed by a United States consul or other agent of the State Department.

If you consider this an adverse response under the FOIA, and are not satisfied with our action on this request, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison Kevin Pratt for assistance at:

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St. Louis, MO 63138
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kevin.pratt@nara.gov

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202-741-5770
1-877-684-6448

If you have questions or comments regarding this response, you may contact us at 314-801-0800 or by mail at the address shown in the letterhead above. If you contact us, please reference the Request Number listed above. If you are a veteran, or a deceased veteran's next of kin, please consider submitting your future requests online by visiting us at http://vetrecs.archives.gov.

Sincerely,

KERRY BILLINGSLEY
Expert Archives Technician (AFN-MC4B)

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Let us know if we have failed to protect it.

Enclosure(s)

Please complete our on-line survey. We really want to know how we did answering your request. Go to **www.archives.gov/veterans/survey** and enter your request number 2-22560918101. The survey should only take a few minutes and is used to help improve service to our customers.

INFORMATION RELEASABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

NAME:
KUCINSKI, LOUIS ARTHUR

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND SERIAL/SERVICE NUMBER(S):
U.S. NAVY / 235 04 35, SSN

DATES OF SERVICE:
SEPTEMBER 11, 1947 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1977

DUTY STATUS:
RETIRED

RANK/GRADE:
E9

SALARY:
NA

SOURCE OF COMMISSION:
NA

PROMOTION SEQUENCE NUMBER:
NA

ASSIGNMENTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS:
SEE ATTACHED

MILITARY EDUCATION:
SEE ATTACHED

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS:
BRONZE STAR(*),NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL W/ V DEVICE,PURPLE HEART,COMBAT ACTION RIBBON,GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL(5TH),PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION(2ND),VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL,EXPERT RIFLEMAN,EXPERT PISTOL MEDAL,SEAL BREAST INSIGNIA,AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL,NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL,NAVY OCCUPATION MEDAL (EUROPE),ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL(VIETNAM),VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL

TRANSCRIPT OF COURT-MARTIAL TRIAL:
NOT ON FILE

PHOTOGRAPH:
NA

PLACE OF ENTRY:
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

PLACE OF SEPARATION:
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

FOR DECEASED VETERAN ONLY

PLACE OF BIRTH

DATE OF DEATH

LOCATION OF DEATH

PLACE OF BURIAL

NOTE: N/A denotes information is not available in the veteran's records

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[illegible]SKI, Louis Arthur
(Last Name) (First) (Middle)

235 04 35 AS USN
(Service Number) (Rate) (Class)

RECRUIT TRAINING COMMAND

U. S. N. T. C. Great Lakes, Ill.

9-19-47

[redacted]

H.D. HESSELTINE, CSC, USN
Assistant Personnel Officer
By direction of C. O.

NND-GL, 10-23-47, B-36, 40M

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KUCINSKI Louis A.
(Last Name) (First) (Middle)

235 04 35 SA (00099-86) USN
(Service Number) (Rate) (Class)

U. S. Naval Barracks, Washington, D. C.
(Present ship or station)

2 Apr 1948
Date

Effective this dat[redacted]

W D Loughner
for
G. J. HORN,
LTJG, USN
Personnel Officer.

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0020 KUCINSKI, Louis Arthur
(Last Name) (First) (Middle)

235 04 3? [redacted] USN
(Service No.)

D.S.I Brks. Wash. D.C. ... 0 SNORE 18
(Present Ship or Station)

TRANSFER RECORD

Date Transferred 24 June 194?

Authority [redacted]

... ULTIMATE DESTINATION & DUTY

CO, USS ALLAGASH (AO-97), Newport, R.I., for duty.

[redacted] DAYS LEAVE AND [redacted] DAYS TRAVEL ALLOWED

MARKS ASSIGNED UPON TRANSFER

[redacted]

RECORDS IN MAN'S POSSESSION

SERVICE RECORD	HEALTH RECORD	PAY ACCOUNT	CONT. HEALTH CER.	PERS. EFFECTS
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?. J. HORN, LTJG, USN,
Personnel Officer,
By direction of the CO.

INTERMEDIATE REPORTINGS

Reported

Transferred

Reported

Transferred

REPORTING, ULTIMATE DESTINATION

Reported U.S.S. ALLAGASH (AO-97)

Date & Time 0??? - ?5 June 194?

[illegible], USN
[illegible]

[illegible] Louis Arthur

[illegible] OS1 (Class)

U.S.S. ALLAGASH (AO-97)

[redacted]

TRANSFER RECORD

Date [illegible] 21 July 1950

[redacted]

ULTIMATE DESTINATION & DUTY

CO, USS REHOBOTH AGS-50 at NSY, Phila, Pa. [illegible]

[redacted] LEAVE AND [redacted] TRAVEL ALLOWED

MAN ASSIGNED UPON TRANSFER

[redacted]

RECORDS IN MAN'S POSSESSION

[redacted]

[illegible]

[illegible] (signature)

[illegible]

INTERMEDIATE REPORTINGS

[illegible] 7 21 50

7 25 50

REPORTING ULTIMATE DESTINATION

[illegible] REHOBOTH [illegible]

[illegible]

REENLISTED: 9-22-50

REPORT PERS-32-61 0161 MARKS *See Art. B-2305, BuPers Manual

1. DATE	2. REASON	3. RATE	4. PROF. IN RATE	5. SEAMANSHIP	6. MECHANICAL ABILITY	7. LEADERSHIP	8. CONDUCT	9. SHIP OR STATION	10. INITIALS*
9-30-50	[redacted]							USS REHOBOTH (AGS-50)	EMD
10-30-50	[redacted]							USS REHOBOTH (AGS-50)	EMD
12-31-50	[redacted]							U.S.S. REHOBOTH (AGS-50) c/o Fleet Post Office NEW YORK, N. Y.	
3/31/51	[redacted]							USS REHOBOTH (AGS-50)	EMD
4/10/51	[redacted]							USS REHOBOTH (AGS-50)	EMD
5/2/51	[redacted]							USS REHOBOTH (AGS-50)	EMD
JUN 30 '51	[redacted]							SubGruONE NorVaGruLantResFlt	BDM
9/19/51	[redacted]							SubGruONE NorVaGruLantResFlt	BDM
9/30/51	[redacted]							SubGruONE NorVaGruLantResFlt	BDM
DEC 31 '51	[redacted]							SubGruONE NorVaGruLantResFlt	J.H.W.
MAR 31 '52	[redacted]							SubGruONE NorVaGruLantResFlt	J.H.W.
[redacted]	[redacted]							[redacted]	C.E.T.
6-19-52	[redacted]							SG1NorGruLantResFlt	C.E.T.
6-30-52	[redacted]							SubGruONE NorVaGruLantResFlt	C.E.T.
8-26-52	[redacted]							SubGruONE NorVaGruLantResFlt	C.E.T.
DEC 30 '52	[redacted]							SubGruONE NorVaGruLantResFlt	
24 Dec 1952	[redacted]							SG1,NorVaGru,LantResFlt	D.E.S.
12-31-52	[redacted]							USNA, L., NORVA	
3-31-53	[redacted]							USNA, L., NORVA	
6-30-53	[redacted]							UDT TWO	
9-30-53	[redacted]							UDT TWO	
12-31-53	[redacted]							UDT TWO	
3-31-54	[redacted]							UDU TWO	
6-30-54	[redacted]							UDT 21	
9/30/54	[redacted]							UDT21	

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MARKS

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1. DATE	2. REASON	3. RATE	4. PROF. IN RATE	5. SEAMANSHIP	6. MECHANICAL ABILITY	7. LEADERSHIP	8. CONDUCT	9. SHIP OR STATION	10. INITIALS*
9-30-55	[redacted]							UDT-21	JWPG
12-31-55	[redacted]							USI-21	JWPG
3-31-56	[redacted]							UDT-21	JWPG
6-30-56	[redacted]							UDT-21	JWPG
[redacted]									JWPG
1 July 1956:	[redacted]								J.W.P. GREGORY by direction

NAME (Last) KUCINSKI (First) LOUIS (Middle) ARTHUR SERVICE NO. 235 04 35 USN

MARKS (PERS-32-PI)

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MARKS

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1. DATE	2. REASON	3. RATE	4. PROF. IN RATE	5. SEAMANSHIP	6. MECHANICAL ABILITY	7. LEADERSHIP	8. CONDUCT	9. SHIP OR STATION	10. INITIALS*
12/31/54	[redacted]							UDT-21	[illegible]
3/31/55	[redacted]							UDT-21	H.J.
7/11/55	[redacted]							UDT 21	H.J.
9-30-55	[redacted]							UDT 21	PTM
12-31-55	[redacted]							UDT 21	JJC
3/31/56	[redacted]							USNSCH SHIP SALVAGE ~~BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY~~	FRK
25 May 56	[redacted]							USNSCH SHIP SALVAGE ~~BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY~~	FRK
6/30/56	[redacted]							UDT-21	JJC

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ENLISTED PERFORMANCE RECORD

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1. DATE	2. REASON	3. RATE	4. TRAITS: PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE	MILITARY BEHAVIOR	LEADERSHIP AND SUPERVISORY ABILITY	MILITARY APPEARANCE	ADAPTABILITY	5. [illegible]	6. [illegible]
16 NOV 56	[redacted]							UDT TWENTY ONE	[illegible]
16 May 57	[redacted]							UDT-21	[illegible]
16 NOV 57	[redacted]							UDU-2 NEIM DET IN USS DONNER (LSO-20)	NHC
16 May 58	[redacted]							UDT-21	[illegible]
16 Nov 58	[redacted]							UDT-21	WPD
16 May 59	[redacted]							UDT-21	[illegible]
16 NOV 59	[redacted]							UDT-21 (EIM 2-59)	JEH
16 MAY 60	[redacted]							UDT-21	[illegible]
16 NOV 60	[redacted]							UDT-21	RLS
NOV 16 1960									
16 MAY 61	[redacted]							UDT-21	RLS
16 NOV 61	[redacted]							UDT-21	[illegible]
16 MAY62	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM 2	JFC
16MAY62	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM 2	JFC
30JUN62	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM 2	JFC
30JUN62	[redacted]							SEALTEAM2	JFC

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1. DATE	2. REASON	3. RATE	PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE	MILITARY BEHAVIOR	LEADERSHIP AND SUPERVISORY ABILITY	MILITARY APPEARANCE	ADAPT ABILITY	5. SHIP OR ACTIVITY	INITIALS*
1 JUN 62	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM 2	[illegible]
8 SEP 62	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM TWO	WGP
24 FEB 63 / 27 FEB 63	[redacted]							NAVSEC, MAAG VIETN / SEAL TEAM TWO	[illegible] / JDD
16 MAY 63	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM TWO	JFS
16 NOV 63	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM TWO	JFC
1 FEB 64	[redacted]							SEAL Team 2	JFC
16MAY64	[redacted]							SEAL Team TWO	JFC
16 NOV 64	[redacted]							NAVOPSUPGRULANT	[illegible]
16 MAY 65	[redacted]							[illegible]	[illegible]
16 NOV 65	[redacted]							COMNAVOPSUPGRULANT	[illegible]
16 JAN 6	[redacted]							COMNAVOPSUPPGRULANT	[illegible]
16 JAN 6	[redacted]							SEAL Team TWO	CJG
15 JAN 69	[redacted]							SEAL Team TWO	FGB
15 JAN 69	[redacted]							SEAL Team TWO	FGB
[redacted]									
16 JAN 6	[redacted]							SEAL Team TWO	FGB
9 FEB 70	[redacted]							SEAL Team TWO	TRN
16JAN70	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM TWO	TRN
16JAN70	[redacted]							SEAL Team TWO	TRN
18FEB71	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM TWO	TRN

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ENLISTED PERFORMANCE RECORD

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1. DATE	2. REASON	3. RATE	4. TRAITS: PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE	MILITARY BEHAVIOR	LEADERSHIP AND SUPERVISORY ABILITY	MILITARY APPEARANCE	ADAPTABILITY	5. SHIP OR ACTIVITY	INITIALS*
			[redacted]						
01MAR71	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM TWO	TRN
12OCT71	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM TWO	DLW
30NOV71	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM TWO	DLW
30 SEP 72	[redacted]							SEAL TEAM TWO	EBD
01MAR73	[redacted]							NCSL, PANCTY, FLA	MRS

NAME (Last) KUCINSKI, (First) LOUIS (Middle) ARTHUR SERVICE NO. 235 04 35/[redacted]

ENLISTED PERFORMANCE RECORD— NAVPERS 601-9 (Rev. 8-59) 0105 700 8[illegible]

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ENLISTED PERFORMANCE RECORD

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1. DATE	2. REASON	3. RATE	4. TRAITS: PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE	MILITARY BEHAVIOR	LEADERSHIP AND SUPERVISORY ABILITY	MILITARY APPEARANCE	ADAPTABILITY	5. SHIP OR ACTIVITY	INITIALS*
02 MAR 73	[redacted]							NCSL, PANCTY, FLA.	[illegible]
30NOV73	[redacted]							NCSL, PANCTY, FL.	JPP
30NOV74	[redacted]							NCSL PANCTY FL	RCS RCS
30JAN75	[redacted]							NCSL, PANCTY, FLA.	RCS RCS

NAME (Last) (First) (Middle): KUCINSKI, Louis Arthur

SERVICE NO.: [redacted]

PERFORMANCE RECORD

PERF	RELIAB	CONDUCT	POTEN	DIREC	ACTIVITY	INITIALS
[redacted]					NCSL, PANCTY, FLA.	RCS
					NCSL, PANCTY, FL	RCS
					NCSL PANCTY FL	GPV

... USED IN GAIN ENTRY AND LOSS ENTRY COLUMNS

RECTADUINS — RECEIVED FOR TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTY UNDER INSTRUCTION
RECTREAT — RECEIVED FOR TREATMENT
RECCFO — RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH FITTING OUT

... — RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY
... — RECEIVED FOR DUTY
... — RECEIVED FOR ...
... — RECEIVED FOR TEMPORARY DUTY
... — RECEIVED FOR TEMPORARY DUTY UNDER INSTRUCTION
... — RECEIVED FOR ... UNDER INSTRUCTION

LOSSES

RELACDU — RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY
DISCH — DISCHARGED
TRAN — TRANSFERRED

1. TYPE AND DATE OF GAIN ENTRY	2. ACTIVITY	3. DUTIES	4. TYPE AND DATE OF LOSS ENTRY	5. INITIALS
[illegible]	NRPC NOLA	[illegible]		[illegible]

... ARTHUR

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [redacted]

5. RECORD OF NAVY SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED

NAME AND LOCATION OF SERVICE SCHOOL
U.S. NAVAL SCHOOL SHIP SALVAGE BAYONNE NJ (SALVAGE DIVER)

DATE ENROLLED	CLASS NUMBER	COURSE LENGTH	RATE ON GRADUATION
2/13/56	66	16 wks	BM3
DATE OF TRANSFER	CLASS STANDING		FINAL MARK (0-100) (62.5 passing)
5/25/56	Graduated [redacted] In class of [redacted]		[redacted]

GRADUATED
[X] YES [ ] NO
QUALIFIED SALVAGE DIVER
QUALIFICATION LAPSING 23 NOV 56

SIGNATURE
P.R. KORNEGAY LCDR USNR Acting

6. RECORD OF NAVY SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL
NAVPHIBSCOLCREEK, NAVPHIBASE, NORVA
PHIBIANT PETTY OFFICER ACADEMY (LEAD.&SHIP)

CLASS NO.	COURSE LENGTH	DATE ENROLLED
61-H	4 Weeks	11 SEPTEMBER 1961
DATE COMPLETED	FINAL MARK (0-100) (62.5 passing)	CLASS STANDING
6 OCT 61	[redacted]	[redacted] in a class of [redacted]

MANNER OF COMPLETION
[X] GRADUATED [ ] DROPPED FOR

SIGNATURE
B.A. McREEL, ENS, USN, ASST FOR ADMIN/PERS
BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL

CLASS NO.	COURSE LENGTH	DATE ENROLLED
DATE COMPLETED	FINAL MARK (0-100) (62.5 passing)	CLASS STANDING
		in a class of

MANNER OF COMPLETION
[ ] GRADUATED [ ] DROPPED FOR

SIGNATURE

NAME (Last)	(First)	(Middle)	SERVICE NUMBER	BRANCH AND CLASS
KUCINSKI,	Louis	Arthur	235 04 35	USN

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6. RECORD OF NAVY SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL
Instructors School, Class C-1
NAVSCOLCOMD NAVSTA, NORVA.

CLASS NO.	COURSE LENGTH	DATE ENROLLED
16-62	2 weeks	5MAR62
DATE COMPLETED	FINAL MARK (0-100)	CLASS STANDING
16MAR62	[redacted]	in a class of [redacted]

MANNER OF COMPLETION
[X] GRADUATED [ ] DROPPED FOR

SIGNATURE
O. Sierko LTJG USN
OIC Instructors School Class C-1

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL

CLASS NO.	COURSE LENGTH	DATE ENROLLED
DATE COMPLETED	FINAL MARK (0-100) (62.5 passing)	CLASS STANDING
		in a class of

MANNER OF COMPLETION
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NAME (Last)	(First)	(Middle)	SERVICE NUMBER	BRANCH AND CLASS
KUCINSKI	Louis	A.	235 04 35	USN

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6. RECORD OF NAVY SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL
Nuclear Weapons Training Center
NAS, Norfolk, Va.

CLASS NO.	COURSE LENGTH	DATE ENROLLED
964	3 days	17 Aug 64
DATE COMPLETED	FINAL MARK (0-100) (62.5 passing)	CLASS STANDING
19Aug64	[redacted]	in a class of

MANNER OF COMPLETION
[X] GRADUATED [ ] DROPPED FOR

SIGNATURE
J.W. HANCOCK, LT, USN
Commanding Officer
By direction

NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL

CLASS NO.	COURSE LENGTH	DATE ENROLLED
DATE COMPLETED	FINAL MARK (0-100) (62.5 passing)	CLASS STANDING
		in a class of

MANNER OF COMPLETION
[ ] GRADUATED [ ] DROPPED FOR

SIGNATURE

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KUCINSKI,	Louis	Arthur	235 04 35	USN

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the Navy Commendation Medal to

LOUIS A. KUCINSKI
CHIEF BOATSWAIN'S MATE
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For meritorious achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the Communist insurgent forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 30 January to 2 February 1968. During this period, as platoon chief petty officer and assistant squad leader, Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI led the men aggressively against the enemy, using sound judgment and professional tactics. Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI, unmindful of the dangers, exposed himself repeatedly to concentrated enemy fire in order to deliver neutralizing rounds from his M-72's. His uncanny accuracy enabled the remainder of the squad to advance and secure other key buildings in the city. When one SEAL was critically wounded, Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI ran through the streets to an abandoned truck, started it and drove it to the building where the wounded man lay. En route, the truck took numerous rounds of enemy fire. Throughout the days of battle, Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI displayed the valor under fire and devotion to duty. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy

John J. Hyland

JOHN J. HYLAND
Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet

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THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
UNITED STATES

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting a Gold Star in lieu of Second Bronze Star Medal to

LOUIS ANTHONY KUCINSKI
SENIOR CHIEF BOATSWAIN'S MATE
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For heroic achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam. On 7 June 1969, Senior Chief KUCINSKI was serving as the leader of a twelve man United States Navy SEAL platoon operating in support of United States Navy forces on the My Tho river. Responding to agent intelligence and knowing that they faced a numerically superior enemy force, he inserted his platoon prior to daylight and patrolled through a known Viet Cong controlled area to their objective. Upon reaching the target in complete darkness, he divided his platoon into three fire teams to cover both the target and enemy escape routes. At first light, when the enemy positions were positively identified, he ordered the patrol to take the enemy force under fire. Inflicting numerous casualties and preventing an enemy retreat, the SEALS held their positions and continued to lay down effective fire until helicopter gunships arrived to conduct an airstrike. As a result of his leadership ability, the enemy was dealt a devastating blow. Senior Chief KUCINSKI's professionalism, devotion to duty and courage under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the President

E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.

E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam

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COMMANDER
UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
VIETNAM

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Vietnam Gallantry Medal to

LOUIS W. KUCINSKI
CHIEF BOATSWAIN'S MATE
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

For meritorious service while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from December 1967 to June 1968. Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI served as assistant squad leader and platoon Chief Petty Officer for the EIGHTH Platoon, United States Navy SEAL Team, Detachment ALFA. He distinguished himself by his sustained high performance of duty during combat patrols, attacks, intelligence missions and other clandestine operations to and along the waterways of the Mekong Delta. Many of these operations were conducted in areas where the Viet Cong maintained control of the area and were aimed to destroy enemy base camps, rest areas and supply [illegible]. Of particular note were Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI's outstanding [illegible] during 1967 when he led a four man patrol into a Viet Cong stronghold. The patrol was conducted the day following a multiple barrel [illegible] which netted one Viet Cong killed and one captured. He met the enemy head on at dawn, engaging the enemy in a pitched battle. Although outnumbered, he accounted for four Viet Cong killed and an unknown number wounded. In order to extract his men with a minimum [illegible] he adjusted air strikes and supporting mortar fire from [illegible]. His aim and precise judgment enabled his patrol to extract safely and inflict substantial damage on the enemy. His actions were [illegible] with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Chief Petty Officer KUCINSKI is authorized to wear the [illegible]

For the President

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